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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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1. EMBASSY FEELS THAT DESCRIPTION IN REF A. OF "WIDESPREAD
ANTI-INDONESIAN DISSIDENCE" IN IRIAN JAYA IS MISLEADING IN
THAT IT MAY SUGGEST A LEVEL OF INTENSITY OF VIOLENCE AND
OTHER ANTI-INDONESIAN ACTS FAR OUT OF PROPORTION TO THE
REALITIES OF THE CURRENT SITUATION.

2. WHILE ANTI-INDONESIAN SENTIMENT EXISTS IN MANY PARTS
OF IRIAN JAYA, ACTIVE DISSIDENCE AND ACTS OF SABOTAGE
AGAINST U.S.-OWNED COMMERCIAL FACILITIES ARE SPORADIC AND
SMALL-SCALE. FOR EXAMPLE, SPECULATION IS THAT THERE WAS
ONLY A SMALL NUMBER OF DISSIDENTS/AGITATORS (APPROXIMATELY
ONE HUNDRED) INVOLVED IN THE LATEST DISTURBANCES NEAR
TEMBAGAPURA. AS FAR AS WE CAN DETERMINE, THAT HAD BEEN
MOVING SLOWLY WESTWARD FROM WAMENA, INCITING VARIOUS
TRIBES AS THEY WENT, THEREBY CREATING THE IMPRESSION
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THAT OCCASIONAL TRIBAL CLASHES WITH INDONESIAN SECURITY
FORCES WERE WIDESPREAD.

3. SINCE OUR CABLES OF JULY 25 AND AUGUST 8 (REFS. B AND C),
WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY FURTHER REPORTS OF SERIOUS
DISTURBANCES INVOLVING U.S.-OWNED COMMERCIAL FACILITIES.
THE GOI HAS SENT RE-INFORCEMENTS TO IRIAN JAYA AND SEEMS

TO BE FULLY IN CONTROL OF THE SITUATION UP TO THIS TIME.
THE SMALL NUMBER OF CASULTIES SO FAR SUSTAINED BY THE
INDONESIAN SECURITY FORCES (APPROXIMATELY THIRTY)
SUGGESTS THAT THE LEVEL OF CURRENT VIOLENCE/DISSIDENCE
IS SOMETHING LESS THAN WIDESPREAD.

4. SEPTTEL PROVIDES AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY'S LATEST INFORMATION
ON CURRENT SITUATION IN TEMBAGAPURA.
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